

## U.S. Hotel and Motel Structure Fires

### Executive Summary

U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 3,700 structure fires per year at hotel or motel properties between 2006 and 2010. These fires caused average annual losses of 12 civilian deaths, 143 civilian injuries, and \$127 million in direct property damage each year. Nearly half (45%) of these fires involved cooking equipment, 10% were caused by smoking materials, 9% were caused by heating equipment, and clothes dryers or washers were also involved in 9% of these fires. One hotel fire in 2008 caused \$100 million in direct property damage.

